Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting October 9, 2017

FINAL MINUTES

119 S. Westphalia Street, Westphalia MI, 48894

Supervisor Trierweiler called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:03 pm. Board members present were Treasurer Smith, Trustee Pung, Trustee Fox, and Clerk Platte.

Guests: Gary Hengesbach, Westphalia Builders

 Steve Kirinovic, SKT

 Dave Pohl

A motion was made by Fox supported by Platte to accept the minutes of the September 2017. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith presented the invoices to the board and made a motion to approve the invoices for payment as were read, seconded by Pung. Motion carried.

Dave Pohl discussed the budget hearing for the county to be on 10-10-2017. There was a contract for phone service for the jail inmates. The company they were working with was giving 40% and now are giving 75%. This is a $40,000.00 bonus. He discussed the 9-1-1 update. NG911 (New Generation) which will serve video, texting, and new enhancements. It was developed in the upper peninsula as they do not get a lot of service but this works great up there so it has been approved in the lower peninsula. Dave also mentioned an accident on Airport and Clark which was a gas leak and there is analysis being done on this now. Thinks it was a relief valve that was set off.

Steve from SKT was present to discuss the Audit for 2016-2017. Letters and a binder was handed to all board members. Steve went over the audit (please see letters/binder). He also discussed there should be segregation of duties between board members, particularly the clerk and treasurer.

Gary Hengesbach, Westphalia Builders, discussed the below issues for the new building:

1. Handed out keys to the board. The round keys can be duplicated but the square keys CAN NOT.
2. Plumber should be in the new building soon to program the softener.
3. Landscaping continues.

Trustee Pung discussed the Township Hall rental agreement and had a few ideas. He would like to get some input on his suggestions and then will put a tentative plan together and email to Clerk Platte who will then send to the Insurance as well as the Attorney for “wording” and the okay to publish.

Supervisor Trierweiler discussed briefly the millage that the fire department has but then discussion was made that if we decrease the millage we may not get it back. We should have the fire chief come in and make a five year need assessment and ask what the fire department will actually need within 5-10 years. Trierweiler also wanted to have the Board of Review members be paid $25.00 for their July meeting with no taxes. Trustee Pung made a motion to pay the members the suggested $25.00 for the July meeting. Supported by Fox. Motion approved.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Smith and supported by Pung at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be held November 20 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Francis Trierweiler, Supervisor